

DPS mobile clinic to assist students, families who deal with asthma

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DAYTON, Ohio (WRGT) - Dayton Public Schools is working with the Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton to ensure students who deal with asthma and related conditions are getting the best treatment possible.

The mobile clinic will bring medical professionals to the students, providing assistance to the families who may struggle to get the treatment necessary for their children.

About 12 percent of elementary students enrolled in DPS have asthma, and a school nurse and family nurse practitioner will work with the unit to supplement treatments the students may already be receiving.

“The CareSource Foundation has had the incredible opportunity to partner with many impressive organizations throughout its history, and this collaboration is no different. Our goal is to invest in social innovation that improves critical trends in health. Childhood asthma is at the top of that list,” Cathy Ponitz, vice president of The CareSource Foundation, said. “The new Mobile Health Unit will offer unique and personalized care to more than 1,900 Dayton Public Schools students. And ultimately, controlling asthma keeps kids in school and ensures greater peace of mind for their families.”

“Dayton Public Schools has made great strides in providing asthma health education and support to students, families, and school staff. The Mobile Health Unit is a culmination of those innovative efforts to “dream big” while addressing the district’s number one health concern,” Virginia Noe, director of health services for Dayton Public Schools said.

The clinic will travel to 17 of the district's schools on a rotating basis.